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After being told this morning of [redacted] perilous cuts made by the House of Representatives on Saturday in the MSA bill, I went before the Senate Appropriations Committee this morning. The other witnesses were Messrs. Harriman, Foster and Kenney.

Very early, I became involved, especially with Senator Knowland, in a discussion of our policy toward Yugoslavia, Trieste, Mr. Acheson's off-the-record remarks before a Parliamentary group in London, and other matters which seemed to bear [redacted] little relation to the MSA appropriations. Senator Knowland was [redacted] insistent that the Committee be given a transcript of those comments by Dean. They had apparently been faithfully broadcast last night by Drew Pearson.

When I returned to the office, I telephoned Dean in Vienna, got him out from dinner and obtained his permission to make the appropriate part of the transcript public.

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This afternoon Messrs. Thorp, Bonbright, Vernon and Miss Camp came in to talk about the Danish tanker. Its delivery date to the Soviet Government appears to have been postponed, and we shall have further time to negotiate.

There was a small retirement ceremony this afternoon for Mr. West, a colored messenger who has had 35 years of service with the Federal Government, 31 years of it with the Department of State. There were photographs, and I think his family vastly enjoyed it.

The Canadian Ambassador and Canadian Minister of Transport Lionel Chevrier came in for an exchange of notes relating to the reference of applications to the International Joint Commission on the St. Lawrence

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Reception Room under the photographers' klieg lights.

Because of being held up at the Senate, I had missed the AEC briefing for the President this morning, as well as my appointment with him afterwards. I telephoned Bob Lovett, who said [redacted] he and General Bradley had talked to the President, [redacted] his answer to Mr. Churchill. We are trying now to get agreement on the text of an answer to submit [redacted] to the President.

John Kenney, Ted Tannenwald, and [redacted] met to discuss the Danish tanker problem.

I went to the White House to show the President the draft of a reply to the Churchill message, [redacted] agreed upon by Defense and ourselves. He said [redacted] he saw no reason to change the language, signed "Harry" on it, and told me to send it off. We discussed some of the present difficulties we are having with Congress and, as always, he showed himself [redacted] determined and helpful.

We had a dinner tonight for the Belgian Ambassador, Pierre Paul Schweitzer, Lorraine Shevlin, the Eugene Blacks, and the Sargeants.

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